

# PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	RELEASE DATE:	Tuesday, February 2, 2010
POSITION TITLE:	Chief, Human Resources Division	FINAL FILING DATE:	Monday, February 22, 2010
CEA LEVEL:	CEA 3	EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:	
SALARY RANGE:	\$ 8,594.00 - \$ 9,476.00 / Month	BULLETIN ID:	02022010_1

#### POSITION DESCRIPTION

CEA SALARY INFORMATION

- CEA Level 3 (Pending DPA Approval)
- CalPERS offers a performance compensation program with the ability to earn an award up to 15% of base pay

SALARIES WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CURRENT FURLOUGH PROGRAM.

#### BACKGROUND:

CalPERS is the largest public pension fund in the United States with a current investment portfolio of over \$201 billion. It serves approximately 1.6 million active members, retirees, survivors and beneficiaries through its retirement and health benefit programs, and pays over \$11.8 billion in retirement benefits annually. The membership in CalPERS' retirement program is comprised of roughly one-third State employees, one-third employees of local public agencies that contract with CalPERS for retirement benefits, and one-third classified school employees. In addition to the well-known retirement program, CalPERS administers a health program that serves over 1.3 million members in the Health Program.

The Human Resources Division provides consultation and guidance to CalPERS' management team and staff on a broad spectrum of human resources issues including personnel management, employee relations, training and staff development, and equal employment opportunity. The division also administers a complex performance-based executive compensation program and a number of innovative human resources programs in wellness,

employee recognition, staff development, and succession management and planning. Further, the division is extensively involved in the ongoing implementation of human resources-related program initiatives that support the Strategic Plan and the three-year business plan adopted by the Board of Administration.

#### **DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Under the direction of the Assistant Executive Officer, Administrative Services, plans, organizes, and directs the overall administration of the Human Resources Division including personnel management, staff development, and employee relations. The position provides strategy and policy guidance to the Executive Staff and Board of Administration on a broad spectrum of human resource issues central to the administration of its various programs. The position is also the primary staff liaison to the Board of Administration's Executive Performance and Compensation Committee and has a central role in designing and administering unique and innovative compensation structures for the executive and CEA programs. In addition, this position initiates all major human resources related policy matters in areas such as strategic staffing of key positions, succession planning, performance management, employee selection, and changes in terms and conditions unique to CalPERS.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

#### **Either I**

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status or who previously had permanent status in the State civil service.

#### Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, with two or more consecutive years as defined in Government code § 18990.

#### Or III

Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code § 18992.

#### Or IV

Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

#### **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program

development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

**CEA Level 1.** Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

**CEA Levels 2 and 3.** Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 4 and 5. Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors and attorneys.

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)**

- 1. Administrative or executive experience directing a well established human resources program, preferably with responsibilities for all aspects of personnel administration, training, and employee relations.
- 2. Strong leadership skills and experience addressing major human resources policy issues and complex personnel management problems.
- 3. Demonstrated success in establishing innovative human resources programs in such areas as staff development, specialized compensation systems, recognition and wellness, and in formulating

recruitment and retention strategies to sustain a top quality workforce.

- 4. Administrative experience integrating human resources and strategic business planning, particularly with a focus on techniques for employee selection, retention, and continuous development.
- 5. Demonstrated communication and negotiation skills and experience presenting issues and information before a wide range of audiences, including a board or similar body.
- 6. general knowledge of the California Public Employees' Retirement System's organization, goals, and programs.

#### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Chief**, **Human Resources Division**, with the **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

The Results of this examination will be used only to fill this position and may be used to fill subsequent vacancies for this position for a period of up to twelve months.

#### FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Address for hand-delivery:

**Human Resources Division** 

400 P Street, Room 3260

Sacramento, CA

All application materials (Standard State Application, Resume, Statement of Qualifications and References) must be received by the CalPERS Human Resource Office by 5:00 PM, February 22, 2010. Applications materials personally delivered, received via U.S. Postal Service, or any other delivery service after 5:00 PM on the final filing date will not be accepted.

Questions concerning this examination should be directed to Kristel Herrera at (916) 795-3820.

## Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and no more than two pages in length.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.
- Resume must be included with application
- Names and telephone numbers of at least two references

# Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

# PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Human Resources Division 400 Q street, Room 3260 LPN, Sacramento, CA 95811 Kristel Herrera | (916)795-3820 | Kristel\_Herrera@calpers.ca.gov

#### **SPECIAL TESTING**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

Class specs: <a href="http://www.dpa.ca.gov/textdocs/specs/s7/s7500.txt">http://www.dpa.ca.gov/textdocs/specs/s7/s7500.txt</a>